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Ms. Kay Graham/Secretary Kissinger

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G: I wanted to bother you about a matter of information about what you thought could be done. There is a freedom of press issue in Spain. The magazine there has been operating since 1971 when they changed press laws. A man whom we met Sallas started a modern magazine and it is the best thing in Spain. It is like Newsweek or Time.

K: Yes.

G: We had lunch with this guy -- very bright -- and he told us that they were being sued because they printed something about the Government torturing someone. We talked to Praga (sp) about it. At the same time there were two silly issues that got them into trouble -- one was the travelling King and the other was a cartoon of him dancing. You couldn't understand what the issues were. We had lunch with Praga (sp) and suddenly there was a meeting and a suspension of this guys magazine for four months. He called me and said he wishes I could do something because this is unprecedented. I said has it happened under Franco? He said once for three weeks because of the violence issue. The background is that the Minister of Information is threatening to resign over the issue. He is baffled and said maybe Arias was nervous because of the King's visit. However the Council of Minister's decision took a neutral stand. The Foreign Minister and Justice and Commerce ministers are their only friends. I said I didn't know what I should do but I can get our people to write an editorial so I called home and there is a story by Stringer in the Post yesterday about the matter so I really thought I would ask you if there was anything else that I could do or that you could do.

K: Let me look into it and call you tomorrow night where will you be?

G: I will be here.

K: Let me call you at a more reasonable hour tomorrow night.

G: I will be out from 11:00 to 12:00 to dinner, but leave a message.

K: O.K. Are you having a good time?

G: Depressing and alarming. Alarmed about the state of democracy over here. We have been to Spain, Portugal and Italy and now here it is alarming also, isn't it.

K: It is not good.

G: But it is interesting and we have had a good time.

K: I am glad.

G: I gather in between a succession of trips.

K: Yes, after July first I will be here for a month.

G: How is Nancy?

K: She is fine. She had a good time in Latin America.

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G: Thank you for calling back.

K: I will talk to you tomorrow.

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